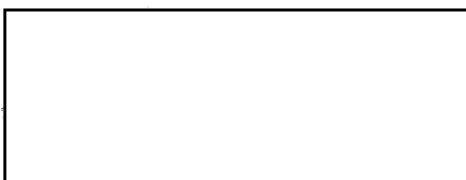


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FOLLOWING IS A RANDOM RUNDOWN OF OUR ACTIVITIES AND PROBLEMS.

1. ART 383, TO DATE, HAS TAKEN ABOUT 50 MAN HOURS AND HAS BEEN INOP 8 DAYS SINCE DEPARTING [REDACTED] AS I SEE IT- THE BASIC REASON FOR TAIL WHEEL TO CRUMP WAS NOT SOLVED BY LAC PRIOR TO DELIVERY TO [REDACTED]. THE FUEL TRANSFER PROBLEMS AND CHANGE OF FLAP MOTOR HAS CAUSED US TO PULL THE ENGINE TWICE. DURING FERRY AND WHILE POSITIONED FORWARD FOR OPS IS NOT THE TIME AND PLACE TO BE PERFORMING THIS KIND OF WORK. WE MUST KEEP THE AIRCRAFT AT [REDACTED] FOR A LONGER PERIOD FOR SHAKE DOWN. I KNOW THIS IS NOT NEW TO YOU.

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2. REQUEST ONE MORE SULKY FOR [REDACTED] WITH TWO ARTS WE NEED TWO SULKIES.

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3. NOW THAT WE HAVE SHIPPED THE STARTER JEEP, REQUEST YOU DIVERT THE ORDERED STARTER UNIT TO [REDACTED]

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4. A PERSON CAPABLE OF COORDINATING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LAC, SYSTEMS AND COMMO PEOPLE IN THE HANGAR IS REQUIRED AT [REDACTED] NOW, AND SHOULD BE ON ALL SHOWS LIKE THIS. THIS PERSON SHOULD BE AN EXPERIENCED MAINTENANCE OFFICER OR SUPER GRADE NCO. WE GET BY NOW, BUT THAT IS ABOUT ALL I CAN SAY FOR IT. I WANT A FIRST CLASS SHOW, ONE THAT OPERATES SMOOTHLY AND PROFESSIONALLY IN A COORDINATED MANNER. AS YOU REMEMBER I NOTED THIS LACK OF DEPTH LAST JULY. HQD TALKED ME OUT OF A FINE MAINT OFFICER AT THAT TIME AND NOW I'M LIVING WITH A BAD SITUATION. REQUEST YOU TAKE POSITIVE ACTION IN THIS REGARD. INTEND TO MENTION THIS IN MY WEEKLY REPORT TO MY BOSS.

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5. HAVE RUN OUT OF MONEY, SAM IS GOING TO [REDACTED] TODAY FOR MORE. RECOMMEND YOU SEND \$15,000 ON NEXT ROTATION.

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6. BY CONSTANT PRESSURE WE ARE SLOWLY IMPROVING CONDITIONS IN THE HANGAR. APPROVED FOR RELEASE 2003/01/24 : CIA-RDP74B00776R000100130012-3
AS IT DID WHEN WE ARRIVED. WITH THE DOORS CLOSED IT'S EXTREMELY

NOT. AM REQUESTING [] INSTALL FANS. THIS MAY ALSO HELP WITH
OUR BUG PROBLEM. AS IT IS NOW, ABOUT A MILLION STICKS ON THE

EACH DAY, SETTLE ON THE ARTS AND FOR SOME REASON THEY STICK
LIKE GLUE. THIS MAKES A MESS OF THE Q BAY, COCKPIT AND SURFACES.

7. THE SECURITY MEASURES WE HAVE IMPOSED ON OUR SELVES
PLACES A HEAVY BURDEN ON THE SECURITY TYPES. OVER A LONG PERIOD,
WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO INCREASE THEIR NUMBER HERE.

8. WE ARE SCROUNGING UP SOME E & E AND SURVIVAL
DATA. THE LOCAL AF TYPES CONTRIBUTE SEVERAL PILOT RESCUES TO
A BEACON THEY CARRY. ITS THE AN/URT 21, I'M BORROWING TWO, REQUEST
YOU SEND ME THREE. I FULLY APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THEY WOULD
BE OF NO HELP IN DENIED TERRITORY. THEY WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL
IN EVENT [] WAS DOWN IN LAOS AND THAILAND, OR NOT TOO
DEEP INTO BURMA OR CHINA. THE LOCAL AF CO SAYS HIS BOYS WOULD
ESCORT CHOPPERS IN [] HAVE PICKED UP DATA ON LAOS, THAT AIR
AMERICA FURNISHES THE LOCAL A.F. TYPES. MY TROUBLE IS FINDING
TIME TO GATHER WHATS AVAILABLE.

9. [] MANAGES A SMALL BAR IN ONE OF THE TRAILERS REC
ROOMS. HAVE BRIEFED ALL [] PEOPLE ITS OKAY TO UTILIZE
THE [] AF SOCIAL FACILITIES, BUT PREFER THAT DRINKING AND
DISCUSSIONS BE CONFINED TO [] TRAILER AREA.

10. MR CUNNINGHAM ADVISED LAST WEEK THAT HE WAS WORKING
ON A SUPPORT AIRCRAFT FOR US.

11. [] CONTINUES TO BE MOST COOPERATIVE. THE AF
NCO'S WHO REPLACED THE SEA BEES ARE AN IMPROVEMENT.

12. WE ARE CONVERTING THE OLD PE JEEP TO A PASSENGER CARRIER.

13. I WILL HAVE A [] TYPE MEET THE ROTATION
PEOPLE AT []

14. REQUEST YOU SELECT 30 THROW RUGS, APPROX SIZE 3 X 5 FOR OUR
NEW QUARTERS. SOMETHING DURABLE AND WASHABLE. CHEAPEST LOCAL RUGS
ARE \$30.00. REQUEST YOU SPEND 65.00 TO 100.00 EACH.

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